

## Compliance Assistance to Small Communities: A Proactive Approach

### Description

This session will discuss the proactive approaches used in Nebraska and Oregon for working with small communities. The environmental infrastructure in communities across the country is becoming increasingly stressed because of a number of factors. Small communities in particular have limited financial, technical and administrative resources to address increasing public health and environmental requirements. The two states' small community programs are similar, with successes to show from over 14 years of combined on-the-ground experience.

### Goals/Outcomes

To demonstrate the benefits of a proactive approach for working with small communities; provide a model that others will be able to utilize; and help establish a network of states for continuing the discussion of small community public health and environmental infrastructure needs and issues.

### Key Questions

- ☐ What are the barriers to implementing proactive small community compliance assistance programs like those in Nebraska and Oregon?
- ☐ How can the barriers be overcome?
- ☐ How can small community compliance assistance effectiveness and outcomes be measured and reported?
- ☐ How can this type of proactive technical assistance for small, capacity-constrained communities be funded?

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